

Reading Strategies- Book Report Strategies Examples

- Directions:** 1) complete 10 strategies on the form provided prior to finishing the book.
2) complete a book report project after reading the book.

Question

1 st Column- write “Question”	2 nd Column- write the specific “fat” question (not a yes or no question)- not “Who is Fred?” or “What will happen?”	3 rd Column- Explain your question -or- Explain the possible answer to the question.
Question	Why did the Golden One decide to run away from the safety of the colony?	I had this question because Golden One could have had an easier life in the colony, but she ran away to try to capture the freedom that she knew she was missing.
NOT	Who is Bill?	The guy with the gun.

Predictions

1 st Column- write “Prediction”	Write a prediction about what you think will happen.	Write evidence of the prediction or explain the prediction.
Prediction	I think the council will try to capture the Golden One and the narrator.	I predict this because if they allow them to leave, they may come back or persuade other people to try to leave- which would have drastic results on the community.

Summary

1 st Column- write “Summary”	Write a summary (who, what, when, where, why, what happened, what happened next), a concept map, sequence organizer, magnet summary, or written summary.	Write your opinion about the event. Be specific about what you thought and why.
Summary	The narrator finds an invention that will make life in the colony better. However, when he presents it to the leaders of the colony, they chastise him for breaking away from the norm.	This part of the book really illustrates Anne Rand’s viewpoint that individuality is sometimes sacrificed for the good of the community, and this notion is often (perhaps unconsciously) enforced by the leaders of society to maintain control of civilization.

Clarifications

1 st Column- write “Clarify”	Write what was confusing- or- write the word you don’t know (AND PART OF THE SENTENCE)	Write what happened (after you clarified) or the meaning of the word.
Clarification	The leaders chastise him for breaking away from the norm.	The leaders of the council yell at the narrator and think he is wrong for acting individually- not as part of a group. The narrator is doing what is not commonly done.

Quotes

1 st Column- write “Quote”	Write the quote, phrase, or word and page number.	Write what you think about the quote, phrase or word was meaningful. Be specific about the text.
Quotes	“Age does not mean leadership.”	Just because a person is older, does not necessarily mean they will be a good leader. Sometimes, the older people on the team are not the best people to lead the team.

Double Entry Reflection/Determining Importance

1 st Column- write “Double Entry Reflection”	Write the quote, sentence, detail, etc. that you found important, meaningful, or powerful.	Write why you think it was important, meaningful, or powerful- or- why you liked it.
Double Entry Reflection	The more things change, the more they stay the same.	When you visit an area you haven’t been for a long time, sometimes, on the outside, things change. But many times everything else stays the same. When I return home, a lot of time has passed since I grew up. But the relationship I have with my brother has changed- but it is also very similar to what it was many years ago.

Inference

1 st Column- write “Inference”	Write the details from the text.	Write what the author is leading you to believe without directly stating it.
Inference	The council, without speaking, glanced at each other with knowing looks. They stared at the man in front of him and his “new” invention.	The council was angry at the narrator for bringing the invention to them. They knew they would have to make an example of the narrator, or others might try to do the same thing- and go against authority.

Connection

1 st Column- write “Connection”	Write the part of you connected to and explain why.	Write how this has helped you understand the text better.
Connection	Everyone in the colony was given jobs by the council. People were not allowed to choose their own jobs.	This is similar to City of Ember, The Giver, and communist societies. People are not given the choice of what they want to do, and this often results in resentment towards authority. The same will probably happen in this book.

Purpose

1 st Column- write “Connection”	Write your specific purpose for reading (should not be to see what happens)	Write your new purpose.
Purpose	I want to know what will happen when they run away from the colony. Will they chase after him? Will they get away? What trouble will the encounter?	When will the council send members of the society after them? Can they really allow them to leave? I want to know if they will let them escape.